

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The Secretary-elect of the Senate will come forward and receive the oath of office.

Mr. William R. Cox was escorted to the Vice-President's desk by Mr. Anson G. McCook, and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him.

NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE.

Mr. VOORHEES offered the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE.

Mr. COCKRELL. It gives me great pleasure to offer the resolution which I send to the desk and ask for its present consideration.

The resolution was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to: as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has elected ISHAM G. HARRIS, a Senator from the State of Tennessee, President of the Senate *pro tempore*, in place of CHARLES F. MANDERSON, resigned, to hold and exercise the office in the absence of the Vice-President from time to time during the pleasure of the Senate in accordance with the terms of its resolution passed March 12, 1890.

NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

Mr. RANSOM submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that WILLIAM R. COX, of North Carolina, has been elected Secretary of the Senate; and that he make a similar communication to the House of Representatives.

NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. HARRIS submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two members be appointed, to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

By unanimous consent, the Vice-President was authorized to appoint the committee on the part of the Senate, and Mr. HARRIS and Mr. SHERMAN were appointed.

HOOR OF MEETING.

On motion of Mr. FAULKNER, it was

Ordered, That the hour of the daily meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock meridian, until otherwise ordered.

DEATH OF SENATOR STANFORD.

Mr. WHITE of California. Mr. President, it becomes my painful duty to announce to the Senate the death of my late colleague, Leland Stanford. I shall hereafter request the Senate to set apart a day for such remarks with reference to his memory as may be deemed proper. At present I shall content myself with moving that, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 12 o'clock and 25 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, August 8, 1893, at 12 o'clock m.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, August 7, 1893.

The members-elect of the Fifty-third Congress assembled in their Hall at 12 o'clock noon, and were called to order by Mr. JAMES KERR, Clerk of the last House of Representatives.

The CLERK. On the 30th of June, 1893, the President of the United States issued the following proclamation:

By the President of the United States of America.

A PROCLAMATION.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Washington, D. C., June 30, 1893.

Whereas the distrust and apprehension concerning the financial situation, which pervade all business circles, have already caused great loss and damage to our people, and threaten to cripple our merchants, stop the wheels of manufacture, and bring distress and privation to our farmers, and withhold from our workmen the wage of labor;

And whereas the present perilous condition is largely the result of a financial policy which the executive branch of the Government finds embodied in unwise laws which must be executed until repealed by Congress:

Now, therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, in performance of a constitutional duty, do by this proclamation declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the convening of both Houses of the Congress of the United States at the Capitol in the city of Washington on the 7th day of August next, at 12 o'clock noon, to the end that the people may be relieved, through legislation, from present and impending danger and distress.

All those entitled to act as members of the Fifty-third Congress are required to take notice of this proclamation and attend at the time and place above stated.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States at the city of Washington on the 13th day of June, in the year of our Lord 1893, and of the Independence of the United States the 117th.

[SEAL.]

By the President:

ALVEY A. ADEE,
Acting Secretary of State.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

The time designated by this proclamation having arrived for the meeting of the Fifty-third Congress of the United States, the Clerk of the preceding House of Representatives will call the roll, which, by law, he is authorized to prepare, of the members-elect, pending which all persons not entitled to the privileges of the floor are requested to retire, in order that the members-elect may occupy the seats which have been prepared for them; and the Doorkeeper and the Sergeant-at-Arms are requested to see to it that the rules of the House in reference to admissions to the floor are rigidly and strictly enforced.

The Clerk also requests that the Representatives-elect will respond promptly and distinctly to their names as called, in order that their presence may be ascertained without difficulty.

The roll was then called, and the following-named members answered:

ALABAMA.

Richard H. Clarke.	John H. Bankhead.
Jesse F. Stallings.	William H. Denson.
William C. Oates.	Joseph Wheeler.
Gaston A. Robbins.	Louis W. Turpin.
James E. Cobb.	

ARKANSAS.

Philip D. McCulloch.	William L. Terry.
Clifton R. Breckinridge.	Hugh A. Dinsmore.
Thomas C. McRae.	Robert Neill.

CALIFORNIA.

Thomas J. Geary.	Eugene F. Loud.
Anthony Caminetti.	Marion Cannon.
Samuel G. Hilborn.	William W. Bowers.
James G. Maguire.	

COLORADO.

Lafe Pence.	J. C. Bell.
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CONNECTICUT.

Lewis Sperry.	Charles A. Russell.
James P. Pigott.	Robert E. DeForest.

DELAWARE.

John W. Cansey.	
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FLORIDA.

Stephen R. Mallory.	Charles M. Cooper.
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GEORGIA.

Rufus E. Lester.	John W. Maddox.
Benjamin E. Russell.	Thomas G. Lawson.
Charles F. Crisp.	Farish Carter Tate.
Charles L. Moses.	James C. C. Black.
Leonidas F. Livingston.	Henry G. Turner.
Thomas B. Cabaniss.	

IDAHO.

Willis Street.	
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ILLINOIS.

John C. Black.	Philip S. Post.
Andrew J. Hunter.	Benjamin F. Marsh.
J. Frank Aldrich.	John J. McDonnell.
Lawrence E. McGann.	William M. Springer.
Allan C. Durborow, jr.	Benjamin F. Funk.
Julius Goldzier.	Joseph G. Cannon.
Albert J. Hopkins.	George W. Fithian.
Robert R. Hitt.	Edward Lane.
Thomas J. Henderson.	William S. Forman.
Robert A. Childs.	James R. Williams.
Hamilton K. Wheeler.	George W. Smith.

INDIANA.

Arthur H. Taylor.	Elijah V. Brookshire.
John L. Bretz.	Dan Waugh.
Jason B. Brown.	Thomas Hammond.
William S. Holman.	Augustus N. Martin.
George W. Cooper.	William F. McNaggy.
Henry U. Johnson.	Charles G. Conn.
William D. Bynum.	

IOWA.

John H. Gear.	John F. Lacey.
Walter I. Hayes.	William P. Hepburn.
David B. Henderson.	A. L. Hager.
Thomas Updegraff.	Jonathan P. Dolliver.
Robert G. Cousins.	George D. Perkins.

KANSAS.

William A. Harris.	Charles Curtis.
Case Broderick.	John Davis.
Edward H. Funston.	William Baker.
Thomas J. Hudson.	Jerry Simpson.

KENTUCKY.

William J. Stone.	William C. P. Breckinridge.
William T. Ellis.	James B. McCreary.
Isaac H. Goodnight.	Thomas H. Paynter.
Alexander B. Montgomery.	Marcus C. Lisle.
Asher G. Caruth.	Silas Adams.
Albert S. Berry.	

LOUISIANA.

Adolph Meyer.	Newton C. Blanchard.
Robert C. Davey.	Charles J. Boatner.
Andrew Price.	Samuel M. Robertson.

MAINE.

Thomas B. Reed.	Seth L. Milliken.
Nelson Dingley, jr.	Charles A. Boutelle.

MARYLAND.

Robert F. Brattan.
J. Frederick C. Talbott.
Harry Welles Rusk.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Ashley B. Wright.
Frederick H. Gillett.
Joseph H. Walker.
Lewis D. Apsley.
Moses T. Stevens.
William Cogswell.
William Everett.

MICHIGAN.

James S. Gorman.
Julius C. Burrows.
Henry F. Thomas.
George F. Richardson.
David D. Altken.
Justin R. Whiting.

MINNESOTA.

James A. Tawney.
James T. McCleary.
Osee M. Hall.
Andrew R. Kiefer.

MISSISSIPPI.

John M. Allen.
John C. Kyle.
Thomas C. Catchings.
Hernando D. Money.

MISSOURI.

William H. Hatch.
Uriel S. Hall.
Alexander M. Dockery.
Daniel D. Burnes.
John C. Tarsney.
David A. De Armond.
John T. Heard.
Richard P. Bland.

MONTANA.

Charles S. Hartman.

NEBRASKA.

William J. Byran.
David H. Mercer.
George D. Meiklejohn.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Henry W. Blair.

NEW JERSEY.

Henry C. Loudenslager.
John J. Gardner.
Jacob A. Geissenhager.
Johnston Cornish.

NEW YORK.

James W. Covert.
John M. Clancy.
Joseph C. Hendrix.
William J. Coombs.
Thomas F. Magner.
Franklin Bartlett.
Edward J. Dunphy.
Timothy J. Campbell.
Daniel E. Sickles.
Amos J. Cummings.
W. Bourke Cockran.
John De Witt Warner.
John R. Fellows.
Ashbel P. Fitch.
William Ryan.
Francis Marvin.
Jacob Lefever.

NORTH CAROLINA.

William A. B. Branch.
Frederick A. Woodard.
Benjamin F. Grady.
Benjamin H. Bunn.
Thomas Settle.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Martin N. Johnson.

OHIO.

Bellamy Storer.
John A. Caldwell.
George W. Houk.
Fernando C. Layton.
Dennis D. Donovan.
George W. Hulick.
George W. Wilson.
Luther M. Strong.
Byron F. Ritchie.
Charles H. Grosvenor.

OREGON.

William R. Ellis.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Alexander McDowell.
Henry H. Bingham.
Charles O'Neill.
William McAleer.
Alfred C. Harmer.
John B. Robinson.
Irving P. Wanger.
Howard Mutchler.
Constantine J. Erdman.
Marriott Brostus.
Joseph A. Scranton.
William H. Hines.
James B. Reilly.
Ephraim M. Woomer.

Isidor Rayner.
Barnes Compton.
William M. McKaig.

Samuel W. McCall.
Joseph H. O'Neill.
Michael J. McEtrick.
William F. Draper.
Elijah A. Morse.
Charles S. Randall.

William S. Linton.
John W. Moon.
Thomas A. E. Weadock.
John Avery.
Samuel M. Stephenson.

Loren Fletcher.
Melvin R. Baldwin.
Haldor E. Boen.

John S. Williams.
Thomas R. Stockdale.
Charles E. Hooker.

Champ Clark.
Richard Bartholdt.
Charles F. Joy.
Seth W. Cobb.
Robert W. Fyan.
Marshall Arnold.
Charles H. Morgan.

MONTANA.

Eugene J. Hainer.
Omer M. Kem.

Henry M. Baker.

Cornelius A. Cadmus.
Thomas Dunn English.
George B. Fielder.
John T. Dunn.

Charles D. Haines.
Charles Tracey.
Simon J. Schermerhorn.
Newton Martin Curtis.
John M. Wever.
Charles A. Chickering.
James S. Sherman.
George W. Ray.
James J. Belden.
Serenio E. Payne.
Charles W. Gillet.
James W. Wadsworth.
John Van Voorhis.
Daniel N. Lockwood.
Charles Daniels.
Warren B. Hooker.

Sydenham B. Alexander.
John S. Henderson.
William H. Bower.
William T. Crawford.

Joseph H. Outhwaite.
Darius D. Hare.
Michael D. Harter.
Henry C. Van Voorhis.
Albert J. Pearson.
James A. D. Richards.
George P. Ikirt.
Stephen A. Northway.
William J. White.
Tom L. Johnson.

Binger Hermann.

Myron B. Wright.
Albert C. Hopkins.
Simon P. Wolverton.
Thaddeus M. Mahon.
Frank E. Beltzhoover.
Josiah D. Hicks.
Daniel B. Heiner.
John Daizell.
William A. Stone.
William A. Sipe.
Thomas W. Phillips.
Joseph C. Sibley.
Charles W. Stone.
George F. Kribbs.

RHODE ISLAND.

Charles H. Page.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Thomas J. Straft.
John L. McLaurin.
George W. Murray.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

William V. Lucas.

TENNESSEE.

Joseph E. Washington.
Nicholas N. Cox.
Benjamin A. Enloe.
James C. McDermott.
Josiah Patterson.

TEXAS.

Charles K. Bell.
Joseph D. Sayers.
Walter Gresham.
William H. Crain.
Thomas M. Paschal.
J. V. Cockrell.

VERMONT.

William W. Grout.

VIRGINIA.

Paul C. Edmunds.
Charles T. O'Ferrall.
Elisha E. Meredith.
James W. Marshall.
Henry St. G. Tucker.

WASHINGTON.

William H. Doolittle.

WEST VIRGINIA.

John D. Alderson.
James Capehart.

WISCONSIN.

Owen A. Wells.
George B. Shaw.
Lyman E. Barnes.
Thomas Lynch.
Nils P. Haugen.

WYOMING.

Henry A. Coffeen.

ARIZONA.

Marcus A. Smith.

NEW MEXICO.

Antonio Joseph.

OKLAHOMA.

Dennis T. Flynn.

UTAH.

Jos. L. Rawlins.

After the State of Michigan had been called, the Clerk said: The Clerk begs leave to state, in reference to the certificate of election from the Fifth Congressional district of Michigan, that on December 22, 1892, there was filed in his office a certificate of election to the House of Representatives from that district, in due and authorized form, showing the election of Hon. George F. Richardson as a Representative to the Fifty-third Congress of the United States, and the name of the said George F. Richardson was, by the Clerk of the House, then duly placed upon the roll of Representatives-elect. Exactly similar certificates in every respect, certified to by the same State officers, were filed at other dates, as late as April 3, 1893, showing the election of Representatives to Congress from all the other districts of Michigan, and similar action was taken in each case.

On February 20, 1893, there was delivered to the Clerk an alleged certificate of election, signed by other persons (the State officers required by law to certify the election of members of Congress having been changed in the interim), which said certificate, accompanied by sundry papers, claimed to show the election of Hon. Charles E. Belknap, from the Fifth Congressional district of Michigan, as a Representative to the Fifty-third Congress. The Clerk refused to strike off the roll the name of George F. Richardson as a member-elect from this district, having already exercised the authority given to him by law. The matter is therefore submitted to the House, which, when organized, is, under the Constitution and the law, judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications of its own members.

The roll call having been concluded, The CLERK. The Clerk announces that upon the roll call 348 Representatives-elect have responded to their names, being more than a quorum. The Clerk is now prepared to receive a motion looking to the election of a Speaker, as no other business is in order until a Speaker is elected.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

Mr. HOLMAN. Mr. Clerk, I move that the House proceed to the election of Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third Congress.

The motion was agreed to.

The CLERK. Nominations for Speaker are now in order.

Mr. HOLMAN. I have the honor to place in nomination for election as Speaker Hon. CHARLES F. CRISP, of the State of Georgia. [Applause on the Democratic side.]

Mr. HENDERSON of Illinois. I have the honor to place in nomination for the same office Hon. THOMAS B. REED, a Representative-elect from the State of Maine. [Applause on the Republican side.]

Mr. KEM. I have the honor to place in nomination for the same position Hon. JERRY SIMPSON, of Kansas.

The CLERK (after a pause). If there be no objection, the nominations will be considered as closed.

There was no objection.

The CLERK. The Clerk will now proceed to call the roll of Representatives-elect, in order that their choice for Speaker may be ascertained.

Mr. BURROWS. Mr. Clerk, I believe it is usual to appoint tellers to ascertain the result of the election for Speaker.

The CLERK. The gentleman is correct; the matter was momentarily overlooked. The Clerk will appoint as tellers to assist in the tabulation of the vote Hon. A. G. CARUTH, member-elect from the State of Kentucky; Hon. HENRY H. BINGHAM, member-elect from the State of Pennsylvania; Hon. JOSEPH H. O'NEIL, member-elect from the State of Massachusetts; and Hon. ALBERT J. HOPKINS, member-elect from the State of Illinois. The gentlemen designated will kindly take their places at the Clerk's desk.

The tellers having taken their places, the House proceeded to vote *visa voce* for Speaker.

At the conclusion of the roll call, Mr. CARUTH said: The tellers report that the total number of votes cast is 343, of which number Hon. CHARLES F. CRISP, of Georgia, has received 213, Hon. THOMAS B. REED, of Maine, 121, and Hon. JERRY SIMPSON, of Kansas, 7.

The following is the vote in detail:

FOR CRISP—213.

Abbott,	Cooper, Ind.	Hunter,	Price,
Alderson,	Cooper, Tex.	Hutcheson,	Rayner,
Alexander,	Cornish,	Ikert,	Relly,
Allen,	Covert,	Johnson, Ohio	Richards,
Arnold,	Cox,	Jones,	Richardson, Mich.
Bailey,	Crain,	Kilgore,	Richardson, Tenn.
Baldwin,	Crawford,	Kribbs,	Ritchie,
Bankhead,	Culberson,	Kyle,	Robbins,
Barnes,	Cummings,	Lane,	Robertson, La.
Bartlett,	Davey,	Lapham,	Rusk,
Barwig,	De Armond,	Latimer,	Russell, Ga.
Bell, Tex.	De Forest,	Lawson,	Ryan,
Beltzhoover,	Denson,	Layton,	Sayers,
Berry,	Dinsmore,	Lester,	Schermerhorn,
Black, Ga.	Dockery,	Lisle,	Shell,
Black, Ill.	Donovan,	Livingston,	Sibley,
Blanchard,	Dunn,	Lockwood,	Sickles,
Bland,	Dunphy,	Lynch,	Sipe,
Boatner,	Durrow,	Maddox,	Snodgrass,
Bower, N. C.	Edmunds,	Magner,	Somers,
Branch,	Ellis, Ky.	Maguire,	Sperry,
Brattan,	English,	Mallory,	Springer,
Brawley,	Enloe,	Marshall,	Stallings,
Breckinridge, Ark.	Erdman,	Martin, Ind.	Stevens,
Breckinridge, Ky.	Everett,	McAleer,	Stockdale,
Bretz,	Fellows,	McCulloch,	Stone, Ky.
Brickner,	Felder,	McDannold,	Strait,
Brookshire,	Fitch,	McDearmon,	Swanson,
Brown,	Fithian,	McEtrick,	Talbot, S. C.
Bryan,	Forman,	McGann,	Talbot, Md.
Bunn,	Fyan,	McKaig,	Tarney,
Burnes,	Geary,	McLaurin,	Tate,
Bynum,	Geissenhainer,	McMillin,	Taylor, Ind.
Cabaniss,	Goldzier,	McRae,	Terry,
Cadmus,	Goodnight,	Meredith,	Tracey,
Caminetti,	Gorman,	Meyer,	Tucker,
Campbell,	Grady,	Money,	Turner,
Cannon, Cal.	Gresham,	Montgomery,	Turpin,
Capehart,	Haines,	Morgan,	Tyler,
Caruth,	Hall, Minn.	Moses,	Warner,
Catchings,	Hall, Mo.	Mutchler,	Washington,
Causey,	Hammond,	Neill,	Weadock,
Clancy,	Hare,	Oates,	Wells,
Clark, Mo.	Harter,	O'Ferrall,	Wheeler, Ala.
Clarke, Ala.	Hatch,	O'Neil, Mass.	Whiting,
Cobb, Ala.	Hayes,	Outhwaite,	Williams, Ill.
Cobb, Mo.	Head,	Page,	Williams, Miss.
Cockran,	Henderson, N. C.	Paschal,	Wilson, W. Va.
Cockrell,	Hendrix,	Patterson,	Wise,
Coffeen,	Hines,	Paynter,	Wolverton,
Compton,	Holman,	Pearson,	Woodard,
Conn,	Hooker, Miss.	Pendleton, W. Va.	
Coombs,	Houk, Ohio	Pigott,	
Cooper, Fla.			

FOR REED—121.

Adams,	Blagham,	Chickering,	Dingley,
Aitken,	Blair,	Childs,	Dolliver,
Aldrich,	Boutelle,	Cogswell,	Doolittle,
Apsley,	Bowers, Cal.	Cooper, Wis.	Draper,
Avery,	Broderick,	Cousins,	Ellis, Oregon
Babcock,	Brosius,	Curtis, Kans.	Fletcher,
Baker, N. H.	Burrows,	Curtis, N. Y.	Funk,
Bartholdt,	Caldwell,	Dalzell,	Funston,
Belden,	Cannon, Ill.	Daniels,	Gardner,

Gear,	Hulick,	Murray,	Strong,
Gillet, N. Y.	Johnson, Ind.	Northway,	Sweet,
Gillet, Mass.	Johnson, N. Dak.	O'Neill, Pa.	Tawney,
Grosvenor,	Joy,	Payne,	Taylor, Tenn.
Grout,	Kiefer,	Perkins,	Thomas,
Hager,	Lacey,	Phillips,	Updegraff,
Hainer,	Le Fever,	Pickler,	Van Voorhis, N. Y.
Harmer,	Linton,	Post,	Van Voorhis, Ohio
Hartman,	Loud,	Powers,	Wadsworth,
Haugen,	Loudenslager,	Randall,	Walker,
Heiner,	Lucas,	Ray,	Wanger,
Henderson, Ill.	Mahon,	Robinson, Pa.	Waugh,
Henderson, Iowa	Marsh,	Russell, Conn.	Wheeler, Ill.
Hepburn,	Marvin, N. Y.	Scranton,	White,
Hermann,	McCall,	Settle,	Wilson, Ohio.
Hicks,	McCleary, Minn.	Shaw,	Wilson, Wash.
Hilborn,	McDowell,	Sherman,	Woomer,
Hitt,	Meiklejohn,	Smith,	Wright, Mass.
Hooker, N. Y.	Mercer,	Stephenson,	Wright, Pa.
Hopkins, Ill.	Milliken,	Stone, Charles W.	
Hopkins, Pa.	Moon,	Stone, William A.	
Houk, Tenn.	Morse,	Storer,	

FOR SIMPSON—7.

Baker, Kans.	Boen,	Harris,	Kem,
Bell, J. C.	Davis,	Hudson,	Pence.

The CLERK. Hon. CHARLES F. CRISP, a Representative-elect from the State of Georgia, having received a majority of all the votes cast, is duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the Fifty-third Congress. [Applause.]

ADDRESS OF THE SPEAKER.

Mr. HOLMAN of Indiana, Mr. REED of Maine, and Mr. SIMPSON of Kansas, having been designated by the Clerk for that purpose, conducted Mr. CRISP to the chair.

The Speaker-elect, who was greeted with loud applause, said: Representatives, profoundly grateful for this mark of your confidence, I shall strive to prove in some degree worthy of it by an honest effort to discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter with fidelity, with courtesy, and with the strictest impartiality. [Applause.]

I am now ready to take the oath of office.

Mr. O'NEILL of Pennsylvania having been designated by the Clerk, administered to the Speaker-elect the oath prescribed by law.

PRAYER.

The SPEAKER. Before the Speaker proceeds to administer the oath of office to members, prayer will be offered by the Chaplain of the last House of Representatives.

Rev. W. H. MILBURN, D. D., offered the following prayer:

O God, in Whose hand our breath is, and Whose are all our ways, we devoutly pray that Thy blessing may rest upon Thy honored servants, the President and Vice-President of the United States, the Senators and Representatives now in extraordinary session assembled.

In this critical hour of the nation's life endow them, Thy servants, with supreme statesmanship and patriotism; inspire them with sound judgment and good counsel, that all their deliberations, decisions, and actions may be guided by Thy good Spirit to the welfare, the honor, and the prosperity of all the people.

Bring to naught, O Lord, the selfish schemes of men who seek their private gain in the public misfortunes; restore confidence in the minds of the people, dispel all fright and panic; and grant that the country may soon return to its accustomed way, crowned with prosperity and blessed with peace.

Keep far from our shores the pestilence; cover the homes of the whole land with the shadow of Thy wing; prosper the labor of the farmer, and grant, O Lord, that our whole country may give itself to Thy service, and ever remain as Thine own people. We pray Thee through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS.

The SPEAKER then proceeded to administer to the members in attendance the oath of office.

The members presented themselves as their names were called by States, and took respectively the oath of office provided by the law.

When the State of Michigan was called—

Mr. BURROWS. Mr. Speaker, I object to the oath of office being administered to Mr. Richardson, whose name appears on the roll, and hope in accordance with the usage on such occasions, he will stand aside for the present.

Mr. O'FERRALL. Mr. Speaker, I did not understand the statement of the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. BURROWS. I asked that Mr. Richardson, whose name appears on the roll as made up by the Clerk, from the State of Michigan, stand aside for the present. I have objected to the oath of office being administered to him.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Michigan will stand aside until the completion of the organization of the House.

SWEARING IN OF DELEGATES.

After the oath of office had been administered to the members-elect,

The SPEAKER said: The Clerk will now call the roll of Delegates elected to this House, and those who are present will also be sworn in.

The roll of Delegates being called, all the Delegates elected to the Fifty-third Congress came forward and took the oath of office required by law.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. PLATT, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had elected ISHAM G. HARRIS, a Senator from the State of Tennessee, as President *pro tempore* of the Senate, in place of CHARLES F. MANDERSON, resigned.

Also that WILLIAM R. COX, of North Carolina, had been elected Secretary of the Senate.

The message also notified the House that a quorum of the Senate had assembled and was ready to proceed to business.

Also that a committee, consisting of two members, Mr. HARRIS and Mr. SHERMAN, had been appointed to join such committee as may be appointed by the House to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House had assembled, and that Congress was ready to receive any communication he may see proper to make.

CONTESTED SEAT, FIFTH DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN.

Mr. O'FERRALL. Mr. Speaker, I offer the resolution which I send to the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That George F. Richardson be now sworn in as a Representative in this Congress from the Fifth district of the State of Michigan.

Mr. BURROWS. Mr. Speaker, I offer the resolution I send to the desk as a substitute for that offered by the gentleman from Virginia.

The Clerk read as follows:

Whereas the credentials upon which George F. Richardson claims a seat in the Fifty-third Congress from the Fifth Congressional district of the State of Michigan have been annulled and made void by reason of the judgment of the supreme court of that State; and

Whereas in pursuance and in compliance with such judgment and with the laws of said State, the State board of canvassers of Michigan have determined, declared, and certified that Charles E. Belknap is duly elected a Representative to the Fifty-third Congress of the United States of America from the Fifth Congressional district of the State of Michigan: Therefore,

Resolved, That Charles E. Belknap is entitled to be sworn in as a member of this House on his *prima facie* case.

Mr. O'FERRALL. Mr. Speaker, I demand the previous question on the original resolution and the amendment offered by the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. BURROWS. Do I understand the gentleman from Virginia to demand the previous question?

Mr. O'FERRALL. I do.

Mr. BURROWS. That will cut off debate.

Mr. O'FERRALL. No, it will leave an hour, I understand, under the rules.

Mr. BURROWS. But we have no rules now.

Mr. O'FERRALL. Well, under the practice that prevails.

Mr. BURROWS. I hope the gentleman will not do that.

Mr. O'FERRALL. I do not desire to cut off debate. What time does the gentleman desire?

Mr. BURROWS. I should like to take the floor in my own right. I think I can get through with a statement of the case inside of an hour.

Mr. O'FERRALL. It seems to me that an hour ought to be sufficient altogether. Would the gentleman not be content with thirty minutes?

Mr. BURROWS. Mr. Speaker, there will be no time occupied on this side that is not necessary for a proper presentation of the case. I presume an hour will be ample for that purpose.

Mr. O'FERRALL. Say thirty minutes?

Mr. BURROWS. It would not be sufficient. An hour on this side will possibly be consumed. But, as I have said, there is no disposition to occupy time uselessly.

Mr. O'FERRALL. Very well, I am content. I shall agree to two hours' debate. One hour on each side, to be controlled on one side by the gentleman from Michigan and the other by myself.

The SPEAKER. Without objection that arrangement will be considered as agreed to.

Mr. HOPKINS of Illinois. But, Mr. Speaker, one moment. If I understand the resolution of the gentleman from Virginia, it provides for immediate action upon this case. It seems to me that there ought to be a little time left for those persons who may believe that this case should go to the committee.

Mr. OATES. Mr. Speaker, I hope the gentleman from Virginia will consent to let this matter go over until to-morrow.

Mr. O'FERRALL. What was the suggestion of the gentleman from Illinois?

Mr. HOPKINS of Illinois. I suggested that this be left open, so that if the House desires it the matter could be remitted to the Committee on Elections without seating either member.

Mr. OATES. Mr. Speaker, I request my friend from Virginia [Mr. O'FERRALL] to ask the postponement of the consideration of this resolution until to-morrow, or at least until after the members have drawn seats.

Mr. REILLY. I hope that will be done. That is a very good suggestion.

Mr. SPRINGER. I desire to include in that request the privilege that Mr. Richardson have his name called, and that he be permitted to draw a seat when his name is called, as if he were sworn in.

Mr. BURROWS. Oh no; I shall have to object to that.

Mr. SPRINGER. Unless that is done, I shall object to the request for postponement. He ought to be permitted to draw his seat.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Virginia [Mr. O'FERRALL] is recognized. The Chair will suggest to the gentleman, if it be agreeable to the House, that before entering upon the consideration of the right of this gentleman to be sworn in, the House might, by unanimous consent, be organized by the election of the other officers of the House, and the usual resolutions as to notification of the President and Senate might be adopted, so that there would be no delay in that respect.

Mr. O'FERRALL. I have no objection to that.

Mr. REILLY. I hope the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BURROWS] will agree to a postponement of the consideration of the matter to which he has referred until to-morrow or some other day, and to let the organization of the House proceed regularly.

Mr. BURROWS. The suggestion just made is to suspend proceedings in reference to this matter until the organization of the House can be perfected, and to that there will be no objection.

Mr. HOLMAN. Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER. If there be no objection, the Chair will recognize the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HOLMAN].

Mr. O'FERRALL. Is it understood that the case will retain its status?

The SPEAKER. The Chair understands that. It will retain its exact status.

ELECTION OF CLERK AND OTHER OFFICERS.

Mr. HOLMAN. Mr. Speaker, I submit the resolution which I send to the Clerk's desk, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That James Kerr, of the State of Pennsylvania, be, and is hereby, elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third Congress;

That Herman W. Snow, of the State of Illinois, be, and is hereby, elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third Congress;

That Alvin B. Hurt, of the State of Tennessee, be, and is hereby, elected Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third Congress;

That Lycurgus Dalton, of the State of Indiana, be, and is hereby, elected Postmaster of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third Congress; and

That the Rev. Samuel W. Haddaway, of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, elected Chaplain of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third Congress.

Mr. HENDERSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment to the resolution just read, which amendment is in the nature of a substitute, and I ask the Clerk to read it.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the resolution offered as a substitute by the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HENDERSON].

The Clerk read as follows:

Amend by striking out all after the word "Resolved" and insert the following:

"That Edward McPherson, of the State of Pennsylvania, be, and is hereby, elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third Congress."

"That Adoniram J. Holmes, of the State of Iowa, be, and is hereby, elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third Congress."

"That Charles W. Adams, of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, elected Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third Congress."

"That James W. Hathaway, of the State of Montana, be, and is hereby, elected Postmaster of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third Congress."

"That Rev. Horace Reed, of the State of Illinois, be, and is hereby, elected Chaplain of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third Congress."

The substitute was not agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The question now is upon agreeing to the resolution offered by the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HOLMAN].

The resolution was agreed to.

SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS-ELECT.

The SPEAKER. The gentlemen named in the resolution just agreed to will come forward and take the oath of office.

The oath of office was then administered by the Speaker to the officers-elect of the House.

NOTIFICATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND SENATE.

Mr. McMILLIN. Mr. Speaker, I offer for present consideration the resolution which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to inform the President of the United States that the House of Representatives has elected CHARLES F. CRISP, a Representative from the State of Georgia, Speaker, and JAMES KERR, a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania, the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third Congress.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. OUTHWAITE. Mr. Speaker, I submit for present consideration the resolution which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The resolution was read, as follows:

Resolved, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform that body that a quorum of the House of Representatives have assembled; that CHARLES F. CRISP, a Representative from the State of Georgia, has been elected Speaker; that JAMES KERR, a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania, has been elected Clerk, and that the House is ready to proceed to business.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. SPRINGER. Mr. Speaker, I submit for immediate consideration the resolution which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The resolution was read, as follows:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives, to join the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to; and the Speaker appointed as such committee on the part of the House Mr. SPRINGER, Mr. McMILLIN, and Mr. REED.

CONTESTED SEAT, FIFTH DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN.

Mr. O'FERRALL. Now, Mr. Speaker, there seems to be a general disposition upon the part of members of the House to go into the drawing of seats before debate upon this question, which will perhaps occupy some time, is entered upon; and unless there be objection, I will move that we now proceed to the drawing of seats, and that this matter be taken up immediately after that shall have been completed.

Mr. BURROWS. There is no objection on this side to the request of the gentleman from Virginia.

The SPEAKER. Unanimous consent is asked that the further consideration of the resolution offered by the gentleman from Virginia be postponed until after the drawing of seats. Is there objection?

Mr. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I suggest to the gentleman from Virginia that this matter be postponed until to-morrow, for two reasons. First, it would take quite a while to draw seats; and next, the attention of the House has been called to this question and members will be better prepared and informed to-morrow to form a judgment on the matter than they could be to-day.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Indiana asks unanimous consent that this matter go over until to-morrow.

Mr. O'FERRALL. Well, Mr. Speaker, after we get through with the drawing of seats, if there be any general disposition on the part of the House to postpone the consideration of the resolution until to-morrow, I will agree to it, but for the present I submit my request that the matter be postponed until after the drawing of seats.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia, that the consideration of this resolution be postponed until after the drawing of seats? [After a pause.] The Chair hears no objection.

DRAWING OF SEATS.

Mr. SPRINGER. Mr. Speaker, I offer the resolution which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House do now proceed to draw seats for Members and Delegates of the present Congress, in pursuance of Rule XXXII of the last House, and that when the names of members absent from the city on account of sickness are called, seats be selected for them by their colleagues.

Mr. McCREARY of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I desire to offer an additional resolution in connection with the drawing of seats.

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman propose to amend the resolution?

Mr. McCREARY of Kentucky. Yes, sir.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Kentucky submits an amendment, which the Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That all ex-Speakers of the House of Representatives, duly elected members of the Fifty-third Congress, and that all Representatives in said Congress who have been elected to fifteen Congresses shall be called first in the order of their service, and allowed to select their respective seats before the regular drawing for seats commences.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will have the word "provided" inserted in the place of the word "resolved," so as to make the proposition an amendment.

The amendment as modified was agreed to.

Mr. WEADOCK. Mr. Speaker, I want to make an announcement in connection with the drawing of seats. My colleague, Judge Chipman, is detained at home by reason of sickness—

The SPEAKER. The question now is on agreeing to the resolution as amended.

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

Mr. WEADOCK. Mr. Speaker, I desire to state that Judge Chipman is detained at home by reason of illness; and I ask that Mr. BENTON McMILLIN, of Tennessee, be allowed to select a seat for him when his name is called.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Michigan states that his colleague [Mr. Chipman] is absent, sick, and asks unanimous consent that when the name of Judge Chipman is called the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. McMILLIN] be allowed to select a seat for him.

Mr. DINGLEY. Do not the general terms of the resolution cover precisely such a statement?

Mr. HENDERSON of Iowa. It does not say which one of his colleagues shall select his seat.

The SPEAKER. The resolution covers that point, the Chair is informed.

Mr. WEADOCK. The request I submitted substitutes Mr. McMILLIN for a colleague. The desire is, not that one of Judge Chipman's colleagues select his seat, but that Mr. McMILLIN may make the selection; and therefore the motion is proper.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, then, the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. McMILLIN] will be permitted to make a selection of a seat for the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. Chipman] when his name is called.

There was no objection.

Mr. KILGORE. Mr. Speaker, I think it would be proper to designate the particular portion of the Hall in which the seats of the Republicans and Populists shall be located. I suppose they want to be together.

The SPEAKER. That is a matter which has never been determined by the action of the House.

Mr. KILGORE. It was determined by the House at the organization of the last House.

The SPEAKER. The Chair does not so recollect, but thinks no formal resolution to that effect was agreed to. There may have been some understanding.

Mr. KILGORE. The motion was made by the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Blount] that the Republicans occupy certain sections.

The SPEAKER. Has the gentleman from Texas any motion to submit?

Mr. KILGORE. I move that the House designate the particular portion of the Hall which the Republicans and the Populists, the minority parties of the House, shall occupy, the Democrats to occupy the remainder of the Hall.

Mr. HOPKINS of Illinois. The Republicans will take care of themselves.

Mr. KILGORE. I move that the Speaker designate the positions they shall occupy.

The SPEAKER. The Chair understands that the custom has always been to permit members to select places where they pleased, and that were unoccupied; and the resolution does not recognize any distinction between Republicans and Democrats. There is, of course, generally a kind of understanding among members as to what part of the Hall they shall be seated in. That is about all that has ever been done, so far as the Chair understands.

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, it has always, practically, been the custom for the parties to divide themselves by the main aisle, the Republicans taking this side [indicating] and the Democrats taking the other; and, in case of inequality of numbers, such as unfortunately now exists [laughter], the party which was most numerous took their seats, after they had filled up their own side, in what was left on the other side. That always resulted in filling up when the Republicans were in a minority, as they sometimes were [renewed laughter], from the center aisle as far as it was necessary for them to go. Two years ago, the number of Republicans being small, an understanding was entered into, for the benefit of the other side, by which they were allowed to take this section [pointing to first section west of main aisle]; but there has been a sufficient amount of change to permit us to go back to the old practice; and, after consultation with the Speaker and with several other members, an understanding was arrived at that we should revert to the old custom, and begin at the center aisle. I think that is suitable, proper, and fair, under all the circumstances.

Mr. SPRINGER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from New York [Mr. SICKLES], the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. STONE], and the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. HENDERSON] be permitted to select seats before the regular drawing begins.

Mr. GEISSENHAIN. Will the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. SPRINGER] include in his request the name of Dr. ENGLISH of New Jersey?

Mr. HATCH. And also the name of Mr. FYAN of Missouri.

Mr. SPRINGER. I have no objection.

Mr. ENLOE. The name of Mr. CALDWELL of Ohio ought to be added to that list.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. SPRINGER] that the members named be permitted to draw seats before the regular drawing begins?

Mr. TAYLOR of Indiana. There is. I object.

The SPEAKER. Objection is made. The Clerk will read the rule in relation to the drawing of seats.

The Clerk read as follows:

RULE XXXII.

1. At the commencement of each Congress, immediately after the Members and Delegates are sworn in, the Clerk shall place in a box, prepared for that purpose, a number of small balls of marble or other material equal to the number of Members and Delegates, which balls shall be consecutively numbered and thoroughly intermingled, and at such hour as shall be fixed by the House for that purpose, by the hands of a page, draw said balls one by one from the box and announce the number as it is drawn, upon which announcement the Member or Delegate whose name on a numbered alphabetical list shall correspond with the number on the ball shall advance and choose his seat for the term for which he is elected.

2. Before said drawing shall commence each seat shall be vacated and so remain until selected under this rule, and any seat having been selected shall be deemed forfeited if left unoccupied before the call of the roll is finished, and whenever the seats of Members and Delegates shall have been drawn, no proposition for a second drawing shall be in order during that Congress.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will state that at times in the past some confusion has arisen from gentlemen occupying, even temporarily, seats on the floor before the completion of the drawing. Of course it is tedious for members to remain standing, especially for those whose names are drawn late, but the rule requires that before the drawing begins the seats in the Hall shall be vacated and shall not be occupied by any person for any purpose until selected by members under the rule, and it is obvious that even a temporary occupancy might very much restrict the freedom of members in making their selections. The Chair therefore asks gentlemen to retire to the rear of the railing, leaving the seats free to be selected and occupied as they are drawn.

Mr. CLANCY. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Mr. Graham, is absent by reason of sickness, and I ask that I be permitted to select a seat for him when his name is called.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman has that right under the order. Under the resolution just adopted the gentleman from Maine, Mr. REED, as ex-Speaker, and the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. O'NEILL, and the gentleman from Indiana, Mr. HOLMAN, who are now serving their fifteenth terms in Congress, are permitted to select seats before the drawing begins.

Mr. REED, Mr. O'NEILL of Pennsylvania, and Mr. HOLMAN selected their seats.

The SPEAKER. Before the drawing begins the Chair will request members to answer when their names are called by the Clerk, because on previous occasions some confusion has arisen from uncertainty as to whether certain members were present and exercising their right of selection or not.

Mr. BRYAN (when Mr. McKeighan's name was called). Mr. Speaker, Mr. McKeighan being absent on account of sickness, I ask that my colleague, Mr. KEM, be allowed to draw a seat for him.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will again state that, under the terms of the resolution adopted by the House, where a member is absent any of his colleagues present may select a seat for him.

The name of Mr. Hull being called, Mr. HENDERSON of Iowa stated that he had received a request by telegraph to select a seat for him.

The Clerk having announced that the representation of the Tenth Congressional district of Ohio was vacant—

Mr. GROSVENOR. Mr. Speaker, I desire to inquire whether a seat can now be drawn, to be occupied by the Representative of that district when the vacancy shall have been filled.

The SPEAKER. Not under the terms of the resolution.

The drawing of seats was completed.

DAILY HOUR OF MEETING.

Mr. CATCHINGS submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered, and adopted:

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered, the daily hour of meeting of the House of Representatives shall be at 12 o'clock m.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Hull, by unanimous consent, obtained leave of absence indefinitely, on account of illness.

CONTESTED SEAT—FIFTH DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN.

Mr. O'FERRALL. Mr. Speaker, I understand there is a general desire on the part of the House that the consideration of

the case of Belknap and Richardson upon the question raised by the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BURROWS] shall go over until to-morrow morning. I therefore give notice (and I do this, I believe, with the assent of the gentleman from Michigan) that immediately after the reading of the Journal to-morrow morning I will call up the matter for consideration. I move that the House do now adjourn.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP OF FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

The SPEAKER. Before taking the question on the motion for adjournment, the Chair will submit, to be printed in the RECORD, a list of changes in the membership of the House since the regular election.

There was no objection.

List of changes since the regular election of the Fifty-third House of Representatives.

District.	Name.	Date of vacancy.	Name of successor.
Seventh Massachusetts.	Henry Cabot Lodge†.	Mar. 3, 1893.	Wm. Everett.
Fourth Wisconsin.	John L. Mitchell†.	Mar. 3, 1893.	Peter J. Somers.
Eighth Pennsylvania.	Wm. Mutchler*.	June 23, 1893.	Howard Mutchler.
Tenth Ohio.	Wm. H. Enoch*.	July 13, 1893.	

† Resigned.

* Died.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion of the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. O'FERRALL], that the House adjourn.

DEATH OF HON. WILLIAM H. ENOCHS.

Mr. GROSVENOR. If the gentleman from Virginia will withdraw that motion for a moment, I desire to announce the death of one of my colleagues.

Mr. O'FERRALL. I withdraw the motion.

Mr. GROSVENOR. Mr. Speaker, the painful duty devolves upon me to announce to the House of Representatives the death of my distinguished colleague, William H. Enoch, a Representative from the State of Ohio, who died at his home in the city of Ironton, Ohio, in the early morning of July 13 last.

I shall not detain the House at this time with any remarks upon his memory. His death came to us all with the suddenness and awfulness of a thunderbolt; and his colleagues upon this floor deeply lament his untimely death. Death came to him without a shadow of warning; and the news of the calamity fell with terrible force upon his family, his large number of personal friends, and the constituency he so well represented on this floor.

At some future time I shall ask the House to devote some time to the consideration of this sad event, and for the present I offer the resolutions which I send to the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with sincere regret the announcement of the death of Hon. William H. Enoch, late a Representative of the State of Ohio.

Resolved, That the business of the House be suspended in order that the public services and private character of the deceased be thoroughly commemorated.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to communicate these resolutions to the Senate, and send a duly attested copy to the widow of the deceased.

The SPEAKER. As the Chair understands, these resolutions are offered that they may lie over for action hereafter.

Mr. GROSVENOR. That is the purpose. And now, Mr. Speaker, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased member, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 31 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, August 8, 1893.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. W. H. MILBURN, D. D.

JOHN L. MITCHELL, a Senator from the State of Wisconsin, and ZEBULON B. VANCE, a Senator from the State of North Carolina, appeared in their seats to-day.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

Mr. KERR, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, appeared below the bar of the Senate and delivered the following message:

Mr. President, I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that CHARLES F. CRISP, a Representative from the State of Georgia, has been elected Speaker; that JAMES KERR, a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania, has been elected Clerk; and that the House is ready to proceed to business.